

# The Fort Huachuca SCOUT Time Out

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Pvt. Murphy's Law  
By Mark Baker



## Sports shorts

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### Pool hours

**Barnes Field House Pool**  
Mondays-Wednesdays and Fridays: 5 a.m. to 4 p.m.;  
Thursdays: 1a.m. to 4 p.m.; and  
Saturdays and Sundays: Closed  
**Irwin Pool**  
Thursdays through Mondays: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and  
Tuesdays and Wednesdays: Closed  
**Grierson Pool**  
Tuesdays through Fridays: 1 to 5 p.m.  
(Lessons will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.);  
Saturdays: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and  
Sundays and Mondays: Closed

### Free movie showing

AAFES and Warner Brothers Studios invites you to a special screening of the yet to be released movie "Scooby-Doo Be Afraid, Be Kind of Afraid" rated PG free of charge.

Free tickets are available at the PX, Popeye's and Burger King for the Saturday and Sunday screening of the movie at the Cochise Theater at 2 p.m. on both dates.

### Basketball camp

Kids ages 7-18 may sign up now for the Cochise College Fundamentals Basketball Camp set for August 5-9 on the Douglas campus.

Campers will develop their skills through instruction from college coaches and players, guest visitors, competitions and contests.

Campers will be split into age groups. Session A is for 14- to 18-year-olds and takes place daily from 9-11 a.m. Session B is for 10- to 13-year-olds and takes place daily from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Session C is for 7- to 9-year-olds and takes place from 1-3 p.m.

All sessions are co-ed and take place in the Apache Stronghold Gymnasium.

The \$50 cost of the camp includes a T-shirt. To sign up, contact Camp Director Jerry Carrillo, head men's basketball coach, at 417-4072 or 459-6638 for an application.

### European adult volleyball

The Goodwill Ambassadors are currently accepting applications for the Adult Volleyball team to Europe for the December 2002 team.

Represent the USA/Goodwill Ambassadors in volleyball tournaments and local competitions in London, Paris, Geneva, Venice and Rome.

Each Goodwill team is limited to eight men and eight women per team.

Players should be of an intermediate level ("BB" USAV rating) or higher skill level.  
Come join us playing volleyball in London, England; Paris, France; and Venice, and Rome Italy this Fall.

For additional information call 425-255-8102 or email questions to [info@sportsforyouth.com](mailto:info@sportsforyouth.com).

Also, check out the website [www.volleyballtours.com](http://www.volleyballtours.com) for more information.

### Free Sidewinder's tickets

Tucson Electric Park is having a Military Appreciation Night June 14 and is offering free tickets to a Sidewinder's baseball game for all military personnel. Just bring military ID and ticket. The baseball game begins at 7 p.m. against Salt Lake City, Utah.

Get your free tickets and further information at the MWR Box Office, located in building 52008 on Arizona Street or call 533-2404.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Tywanna Sparks

**Master Sgt. Christopher Ward began building this 1923 Model T Ford, T-Bucket, in 1997. He built it from the ground up in two years. He said it was well worth the time and effort.**

## From start to finish Soldier takes hobby to new level

By Staff Sgt. Tywanna Sparks  
11<sup>th</sup> Signal Brigade, PAO

When Master Sgt. Christopher Ward was a young boy all he ever wanted to do was work on cars, but his mother had something else in mind.

"When I was growing up my mom wouldn't let me work in the garage," he said. "It was dirty, it was nasty and God forbid I get a spot of grease on the floor; it was hell to pay."

But his mother's demands didn't stop him, he's been rebelling ever since. As the battalion motor sergeant of 504<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion, 11th Signal Brigade, Ward's passion for cars extends far beyond his career, "It's my hobby."

Ward can sometimes be seen on post driving a classic 1923 Model T Ford popularly known as a T-Bucket, which he built from the ground up.

"I started building it in 1997 and it took me two years to complete. Everything is hand done; I did it all myself," he said. "I was inspired when I was stationed at Aberdeen Proving Grounds (Md.). Everybody else seemed to have hot rods around there and I was like, 'I want to build one.' It took a lot of time and a lot of headaches but now I get to enjoy it these days."

He enjoys his T-Bucket and being associated with others with the same passion so much he started the Arizona Chapter of the National T-Bucket Alliance in Sierra Vista.

"Currently I am the chapter president and we formed this chapter back in January," he said.

"We started with just four members and as of today we have 25. One of the things that makes the NTBA such a good organization is all benefits and proceeds from car shows go to children's funds such as the Ronald McDonald House and the Make a Wish Foundation."

With that in mind, the NTBA Arizona Chapter will host its first benefit car show June 15 at the 5&Diner in the Tucson Mall at 3 p.m. All money raised will go to the Square and Compass Children's Clinic in Tucson, Ariz., he said.

Ward would also like to see the NTBA Arizona Chapter grow.

"I would like to see more military involved and we were thinking about bringing a car show to Fort Huachuca. To join the NTBA, you either need to own, be interested in or be building a T-Bucket," he said.

Currently, Ward is building a 1938 Plymouth truck that will add to his collection of cars which includes a 1973 Dodge Charger, a 1973 Chevy truck, a 1991 Mustang, a 1999 Durango and his T-Bucket.

As for his mother, she has done a complete "180," he said. "Now she asks 'when are you bringing the T-Bucket, let's go for a ride.'"

For more information about the NTBA go to [www.nationaltucketalliance.com](http://www.nationaltucketalliance.com).



Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

**Ward is teaching his son, Christopher Ward Jr., the tricks of the trade.**



**Ward keeps up maintenance on the steering wheel by removing screws to balance the steering column.**



Photo by Sgt. Jessica Inigo

## It's tee time

By Sgt. Jessica Inigo  
Scout Staff

Staff Sgt. Lynn Burns, measurement and signature intelligence noncommissioned officer in charge, New System Training Office, Company A, 306th Military Intelligence Battalion, practices on the driving range at the Mountain View Golf Course to stay on top of his game. Burns has been golfing for a year and hopes his practice pays off during this year's Commander's Cup golf season.


Golf runs through July 17.

Currently matches start at 3 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, with the last tee-off at 3:40 p.m.

There are 15 teams competing total in both the A and AA leagues.


Today's matches are: Company B, 304th Military Intelligence Battalion vs. Joint Interoperability Test Command Team #3; the second tee will be the 314th Training Squadron vs. Company D, 86th Signal Battalion and finally Company C, 304th MI Bn. vs. JITC team #2.





# In the Spotlight

See your MWR activity highlighted in The Fort Huachuca Scout, call 538-0836.



## evan & jaron DISHWALLA

### Concert tickets on sale now

The annual Miller Genuine Draft Army Concert Tour will feature Styx, Evan and Jaron, and Dishwalla on June 22 at the Libby Army Airfield. Admission is \$20 in advance or \$30 at the gate. The gates will open at 6:30 p.m. and the concert will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at MWR Box Office, MWR Rents, Desert Lanes and the Ozone, as well as at Safeway in Sierra Vista.

A Concert Bash is scheduled for June 14 from 4-6 p.m. at Famous Sam's in Sierra Vista. The public is invited for an evening of fun with K101 live remote. Recreation Services Division will have give-aways of CDs, T-shirts, Styx memorabilia and free concert tickets. Tickets will be on sale at the event for the advance price. Come warm-up for the hottest entertainment in the desert.

The Directorate of Community Activities invites all advance ticket holders to a pre-concert party. Patrons who have purchased advance tickets will be allowed entrance to the party zone area on LAAF at 3 p.m. Food and drinks will be available and K101 will offer a live remote from the concert grounds as a warm-up to the hottest entertainment in the desert. Patrons are reminded to bring sunblock and their party attitudes.

Vendors are needed for this popular event. Spaces of 20' by 10' are available to rent for \$350 each. Applications may be picked up at the Recreation Services Division office located inside MWR Rents on the corner of Irwin and Hunter Streets.

Call 538-1690 for more information.

# Fort Huachuca pools offer variety of summer family fun in the sun

**MWR release**

The Sports Branch of Recreation Services Division is proud of their pool facilities that offer many opportunities for family fun this summer.

Scuba classes are planned for Barnes Field House. Patrons may sign up now at the facility or call 533-3858 for information.

Swimming lessons are offered at Grierson Pool. The cost for each session is \$25. All swimmers must be authorized patrons. For general information or registration, call 533-3858.

Monthly summer swim passes are available offering 31 pool admissions at a cost of \$30 for adults and \$15 for children. That's more than a 50% savings of the regular cost. These passes are not transferable, non-refundable and cover all pools.

The cost for open swimming without a pass is \$2 per adult, \$1 per child ages 3-17. Children 2 and under are free. Active duty military and retirees may swim free of charge at Barnes Field House only. New hours of operation for the summer have been announced.

<b>Grierson Pool:</b>		
Monday - Tuesday	Closed	
Wednesday - Friday	9 a.m.-1 p.m. (Lessons begin June 11)	
	1 p.m.-5 p.m. (Open swim)	
Saturday and Sunday	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	
<b>Irwin Pool:</b>		
Tuesday - Wednesday	Closed	
Thursday - Monday	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	
<b>Barnes Pool:</b>		
Saturday and Sunday	Closed	
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday	5-7:30 a.m. (Lap swim)	
	8-11 a.m. (Senior open)	
	11 a.m.-1 p.m. (Lap swim)	
	1-4 p.m. (Open swim)	
Thursday	5-7:30 a.m. (Lap swim)	
	11 a.m.-1 p.m. (Lap swim)	
	1-4 p.m. (Open swim)	



MWR photos

**Irwin Pool lifeguards:** *Front Row, Jorge Galindo, Sara Hicks, Bethany Prince, Pam Campbell. Center, Colleen Wolfe, Brittany Whiteley, Ron Ellsworth. Back Row, Mike Walker, Rebecca Burnette, Ira Houck*



**Grierson Pool lifeguards:** *Front row, Kresta Hansen, William Demery, Misty Burch. Back row, Marcus Snell, Tony Lemak, Alex Laszok, Cassandra Aspeytia*



## Fort Huachuca Directorate of Community Activities Updates

The Directorate of Community Activities is responsible for content appearing on the MWR page in The Fort Huachuca Scout. Questions about this section should be directed to MWR Marketing Director, Paula German at 538-0836 or send an e-mail to [germanp@hua.army.mil](mailto:germanp@hua.army.mil).



**Youth Services soccer camp**

Youth Services is sponsoring several weeklong summer soccer camps. Two sessions are available each week. Morning sessions are held 10 a.m. to noon and afternoon sessions are held from 1-3 p.m. The cost for each one week session is \$25. Participants receive a T-shirt and ball. Future soccer camps begin June 10 and 17 and July 8, 15, 22 and 29. Advanced and goal keeper classes are available. Call 533-3205 for registration.

**MWR Rents specials**

Free boater safety classes are scheduled for Saturday, as well as July 1-2. Saturday's class is from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. July's two-day class is from 6-10 p.m. All classes are held in room number 7 at the Murr Community Center. Call MWR Rents at 533-6707 for information and reservations. Certification from a safety class is necessary to rent boats from MWR Rents.

Free Fishing Day is Sunday. The Arizona Game and Fish Department sponsors this day to encourage new fishermen, young and old, to try their hand at fishing without the required state license. An installation fishing permit is not required for this day either. MWR has rods and reels for rent and information on many activities being held at local lakes. MWR Rents is located at the corner of Irwin and Hunter Streets. Drop in or call 533-6707 for more information.

**Buffalo Corral activities**

A children's horseback riding camp is offered now through July 26. The camp is available to youth ages 7-17 from 8 a.m.-noon on Monday through Friday for a fee of \$95 per week. Registrations are due one week in advance and may be made at the Oscar Yrun Community Center. Children must wear hard soled shoes or boots, a hat and long pants and will need to bring a water bottle. Classes will be held at the Buffalo Corral riding stables. For information call Buffalo Corral at 533-5220 or the OYCC at 458-7922.

The Buffalo Corral is now open on Wednesdays. New hours are Wednesday through Sunday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 533-5220 for further information.

**Family Readiness Group training**

A follow-up advanced Family Readiness Group training session is scheduled for June 15 from 9 a.m. to noon. The class covers personality types, conflict management and group dynamics. The class will be held at Army Community Service, building 50010, located on the traffic circle. Call 533-2330 to register, or you may E-mail [gail.mortensen@hua.army.mil](mailto:gail.mortensen@hua.army.mil). These classes are free and are designed for those interested in obtaining skill and knowledge to work effectively with FRGs.

**Volunteers sought for Styx concert**

Volunteers are needed for the MGD Army Concert Tour featuring Styx on June 22. Positions to be filled are ticket sales, gate operations, security, ushers, concession support and information booth. Interested persons may call Jo Richter, Installation Volunteer Coordinator at 533-4823. Active duty soldiers may accumulate hours toward earning a Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.

**Desert Lanes events**

Desert Lanes is having a Summer blow-out sale. All in-stock merchandise at the Pro Shop is offered at great savings. This sale continues only while supplies last.

Desert Lanes' Nifty Fifties Day is Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. Bowling games, shoe rentals, sodas and hotdogs are only 50 cents each.

A mixed doubles tournament will be held June 29. There is a shift at noon and another at 3:30 p.m. Bowlers roll five games across ten lanes. The entry for this tournament is \$30. Call 533-2849.

Desert Lanes joins Army bowling centers worldwide, offering a Mystery Bowl Program through August 31. Authorized patrons may obtain an entry form each time they purchase a game of bowling or snack bar item, buy an item from the pro shop, or simply request an entry form when they visit the facility. There will be a new drawing each week from the weekly entries. The weekly winner at each location may select one of 12 mystery prize slots and receive the prize uncovered in that slot.

In addition to the weekly drawings, there will be an online promotion to win a mystery trip. With each weekly drawing a new clue to the trip destination will be revealed and will be posted at Desert Lanes. The same clue will be posted on the website two to three days later. Participants must log on to [www.armymwr.com](http://www.armymwr.com) to enter the Mystery Trip contest. Patrons will need to enter online to guess the destination. The first patron (worldwide) to correctly guess the destination, wins the trip package. Participants must be authorized MWR patrons.

**AFTB classes offered**

An Army Family Team Building Level 1 class will be held at Murr Community Center Tuesday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Attendees are asked to bring a sack lunch. Free childcare is provided. Pre-registration is required. Contact 533-3686 or 533-2330.

An AFTB leadership seminar series will be held on June 25 and 27 at Murr Community Center from 5:30-9 p.m. Beverages will be provided. This seminar is designed for leaders, organization representatives, and anyone desiring to enhance their leadership skills. Subjects cover effective leadership, communication, and conflict management. Pre-registration is required. Contact 533-3686 or 533-2330.

**Youth Services Summer Program**

Youth Services is taking registrations for the Middle-School and Teen Summer Program. This program is designed for youth in grades 6-9 as of school year 2001-02 to participate in recreational and social activities during the summer. This program offers activities including bowling, swimming, arts and crafts, computer lab and field trips. Cost of the program is \$20 per week. Participants may sign up for as many weeks as desired, however daily participation is not available.

Hours of operation are 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday through Friday. Participants must be registered members of Child and Youth Services and may register through the Central Registration Office by contacting 533-0738. For more information, contact Youth Services at 533-3205.

**LakeSide plans Father's Day Buffet**

A He-man menu is scheduled for June 16 at the LakeSide Activity Centre. This man-sized buffet will be served for dad and family from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Menu features are savory selections of Steamship Round, grilled barbecued salmon, blackened chicken breast and peppered smoked pork ribs. Other selections will be detailed in next week's issue of The Scout. The price for adults is \$14.95. Children 5-10 years are \$7.95 and children four years and under may dine for free. Call 533-2194 for information or reservations.

**Box Office has ideas for Father's Day**

MWR Box Office offers many opportunities for gifts for Father's Day. Tickets to the upcoming MGD Army Concert Tour, tickets to entertainment in Tucson, Sierra Vista and many

out-of-state theme parks are available. The Box Office even has some very special cartoon character watches for sale.

Free tickets are available to all military for the Sidewinders' Military Appreciation Night on June 14. Sidewinders will play against Salt Lake City. The game starts at 7 p.m. at Tucson Electric Park. Drop in at the Box Office located in the MWR Plaza, Bldg. 52008, Monday through Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. or call 533-2404 for information.

**Sportsman's Center offers summer fun**

The Sportsman's Center is hosting a Summer Fun on Range 3 program. Plinker Range, located between the Rappel Tower and Range Two will be the site for family participation. The Sportsman's Center has a large variety of targets and guns available for target practice. The range is open from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays and well staffed with knowledgeable and experienced personnel.

Instruction is available for first time shooters. The range is available to all authorized MWR patrons and their guests. Call 533-7085 for information.

**Youth Strength/Cardiovascular Training**

Barnes Field House is offering a free Summer Youth Strength and Cardiovascular Training Program beginning Monday. The classes will be held Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:30-4 p.m. The program is open to youth 13-17 years old. The program builds core strength, cardio endurance, stamina, agility and overall health. The program includes strength and weight training, circuit training, plyometrics, interval cardio and agility/motor skills training. Youth must have a release of liability statement signed by a parent before entering the program. The sessions are taught by Kathy Gray, certified personal trainer and fitness coordinator. Call 533-3180 or 533-5031 for more information.

**First Steps Program seeks volunteers**

The First Steps/New Parent Support Program at Army Community Service is looking for volunteers. Volunteers visit new parents in the hospital after the birth, offer parenting information, emotional support and community resources. The training session for new volunteers will be June 23, 12-5 p.m. at the Army Community Service building 50010. Military and their family members are entitled to ten hours of approved childcare per week while volunteering with the First Steps Program. For information call 533-6877.

First Steps Program sponsors a Moms Meeting Moms group. This class meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 1-2:30 p.m. at the Blake Foundation. The group is open to all first-time mothers. Call 533-6877 or 533-2330 for information on this program or new parent support.

**Facility closures for MGD Army Concert**

MWR Rents will close at noon on June 22 in support of the Miller Genuine Draft Army Concert Tour. Jeannie's Diner will close at 4 p.m. on June 22 to take part in the preparation of the concert as well. Buffalo Corral will close at 1 p.m. on June 22 to participate in concert set-up and will return to normal operating hours on June 23.

**Fort Huachuca canyon areas close**

Due to severe fire risk, all canyon areas on Fort Huachuca are closed until further notice. Individuals are not allowed to enter Coronado National Forest or any canyon area by foot or vehicle until further notice. Canyon areas will be closed until fire conditions and moisture levels permit general public access. Restricted areas will be patrolled.



# Oral piercings sideline athletes

## Dentists tell players to keep mouthguards, lose barbells

*Academy of General Dentistry release*

Perhaps more than most people, athletes view their bodies as their temples. Seeking to emulate their professional heroes, a growing number of high school and younger athletes are adorning those temples through oral piercings. But intraoral piercing and tongue jewelry place athletes at risk for serious medical and dental consequences, according to the Academy of General Dentistry. “For years, we have been urging athletes to wear mouthguards when playing,” says Academy spokesperson Bruce DeGinder, Doctor of Dental Surgery, Master Academy of General Dentistry. “Now we have to tell them to take the barbell out of their tongues.”

According to a new article in General Dentistry, the Academy’s peer-reviewed clinical journal, one out of every five intraoral piercings results in infection from contaminated puncture wounds. Athletes are more likely than most people to develop infections because the increased blood flow and breathing rate involved in vigorous exercise as well as the increased chance of bleeding from a contact injury can spread infection more quickly. And the dangers don’t stop with infection. In a recent survey, 24 percent of pediatric dentists reported that they had patients with complications resulting from intraoral piercings. Common problems include hemorrhaging, airway restrictions and chemical burns from the use of post-piercing care products. After the piercing is healed, damage to teeth and gums is

common. Suzann P. McGeary, DDS, lead author of the General Dentistry article, says the risks are even higher for athletes. “The athlete who participates in contact sports may be particularly susceptible to airway restrictions because an impact may dislodge the tongue jewelry, which could be aspirated (inhaled). It also could be swallowed, which could cause injury to the gastrointestinal tract.” Damage to the teeth by tongue jewelry is another danger intensified by participating in contact sports. “We have seen so many cracks and fractures in teeth caused by clicking, tapping or rubbing the jewelry on them that is has gotten its own name—The wrecking ball fracture,” says DeGinder. “The danger of this is

much higher on the playing field.” According to McGeary, the jewelry can also injure the gums and other soft tissue, as well as interfere with proper salivary functioning, conditions that decrease the body’s defenses against infection and disease. DeGinder’s first suggestion regarding oral piercings is, “don’t do it.” Mixing tongue jewelry and a mouthguard is a particularly bad combination, says McGeary. “The jewelry may interfere with the mouthguard and cause increased salivary flow and gagging, or inhibit breathing or speech.” “Remove the tongue jewelry— not the mouthguard,” says McGeary. For additional information on oral piercing, please visit the Academy of General Dentistry’s Web site, [www.agd.org](http://www.agd.org).

# Fort Huachuca gets ready to rock

*By Tanja Linton  
Media Relations Officer*

The annual Miller Genuine Draft Army Concert Tour comes in for a landing at Libby Army Airfield and gets ready to rock Fort Huachuca June 22. Classic rockers, Styx, with pop stars Evan and Jaron and the alternative rock group, Dishwalla rounding out the venue, headline this year’s concert. Fort Huachuca is one of ten locations chosen to host this year’s Miller Genuine Draft Army Concert Tour. A summer concert is an annual outdoor event on Libby Army Airfield. Gates for the concert open up a 6:30 p.m. and the concert begins at 8 p.m., but a pre-party for advance ticket holders kicks off just outside the gates this year at 3 p.m. Food and beverages and a live radio remote provide a fun warm up for this summer’s hottest event. Because the concert is an outdoor event with no reserved seating, ticket holders can bring in their own seating or blankets. Concert goers are reminded that weapons, pets, video and audio recorders, cameras, coolers, cans and glass containers are not allowed on airfield. Fort Huachuca’s East Gate at the intersection of Highway 90 and the Highway 92 bypass will bring drivers right to the concert. Access to the concert will be controlled, but well marked. Ticket holders from Tucson should take I-10 East to Exit 302 and proceed down Highway 90. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased on Fort Huachuca at the MWR Box Office, Desert Lanes Bowling Center, Ozone and MWR Rents. Tickets are also available at all Cochise County Safeway stores.



*Dishwalla — an alternative favorite.*



*Courtesy photos*

*Styx will headline the Miller Genuine Draft Army Concert Tour on Libby Army Airfield June 22.*



*Evan and Jaron plan to rock the airfield on Fort Huachuca. Buy advanced tickets for \$20, \$30 at the gate.*

Tickets are also available in Tucson at the Safeway stores on Broadway and Campbell and Broadway and Camino Seco. Price for advance sale tickets is \$20. Tickets will be sold at the concert for \$30. Call the MWR Box Office at (520) 533-2404 or 1-888-921-4745 to purchase tickets by phone. Click on [www.mwrhuachuca.com](http://www.mwrhuachuca.com) for more information.

## ‘America’s Army’ game to debut

*Military.com release*

Army News Service reports that starting in July, kids, as well as adults, will have the opportunity to play a realistic, interactive computer game that will take them on a virtual tour inside the Army. “America’s Army,” to be distributed free of charge on the Web at <http://americasarmy.com>, will allow players to “experience” everything from the enlistment process at a recruiting station, to jumping out of a C-130 aircraft during an airborne operation and retrieving stolen Stinger missiles from enemy forces. The Army’s intent is not only to enhance kids’ - and adults’ — video-game-playing experiences and spark interest in the Army as a potential career, but also reintroduce the Army to the population at large, said Paul Boyce, an Army spokesman at the Pentagon. The estimated \$8 million game — developed by computer scientists and master’s degree program personnel from the joint services at the Naval Postgraduate School’s Modeling Virtual Environments and Simulation institute, known as MOVES, in Monterey, Calif., — will evolve over five years to cover all the Army’s military occupational specialties. The game, which is actually a two-part CD, one called “Soldiers,” the other “Army Operations,” currently includes 20 combat-arms MOSSs. Recently showcased at one of the largest annual expositions for the computer-game industry, the Electronics Entertainment Expo in Los Angeles, Calif., “America’s Army,” was favorably received by representatives from some of the foremost gaming companies in the world, Army officials said. For more military games, see the Games Section at [http://www.military.com/Content/MoreContent1/?file=gc\\_games](http://www.military.com/Content/MoreContent1/?file=gc_games).

# Soldiers take gold, silver in World Cup shooting

ATLANTA, Ga. (Army News Service, June 3, 2002) — Staff Sgt. Jason Parker nailed the gold medal in men’s air rifle by a slim margin May 24 at the International Shooting Sport Federation World Cup in Atlanta. Parker, 37, of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit at Fort Benning, Ga., earned the United States a spot in air rifle at the 2004 Athens Olympic Games by his World Cup win. Sgt. Armando Ayala, 30, also of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, took the silver medal in the men’s 10-meter running target event at the ISSF World Cup. The 2002 ISSF World Cup in Atlanta concluded May 26 after contesting nearly a dozen different events in the pistol, rifle and running target disciplines and attracting nearly 500 of the world’s best shooters, including numerous Olympic medallists and world champions. The events were held at the Tom Lowe Shooting Grounds in Atlanta, site of the shooting events during the 1996 Olympic games. In the air pistol competition, USAMU’s Sgt.

1st Class Daryl Szarenski, 34, of Saginaw, Mich., and 27-year-old Jason Turner of Rochester, N.Y., ended the match as part of a six-way tie for 19th place with scores of 574. In the men’s 50m prone rifle event, the cold Georgia wind was gusting unpredictably, and the lead changed possession with almost every shot. American finishes included a score of 592 to tie for 14th from Matthew Emmon’s, 20, of Brown’s Mills, N.J., a 591 from USAMU’s Sgt. 1st Class Tom Tamas, 36, of Columbus, Ga., to claim a slice of 17th place. Eric Uptagrafft, 36, from Longmont, Colo., was part of the half-dozen shooters tied for 25th place with scores of 590. One of America’s rising stars of international rifle shooting, 22-year-old Matt Emmons of Brown’s Mills, N.J., won the gold medal in the men’s 3x40 rifle event at the 2002 ISSF World Cup in Atlanta. Emmons, a junior at the University of Alaska at Fairbanks led the entire international field in the qualifying round with a score of 1178 of a

possible 1200 points. After a close final round, Malik Eckhardt of Germany took second and Marcel Buerge of Switzerland third. Other Americans in the match included the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit’s Maj. Mike Anti, 38, of Winterville, N.C., finishing in seventh place with a score of 1268.2, and 1996 U.S. Olympian Eric Uptagrafft, 36, a member of the U.S. Navy Reserve from Longmont, Colo., finished in a tie for 23rd position with a score of 1158. In air rifle, Parker went into the medals final round tied with Peter Sidi of Hungary with a score of 597 of a possible 600 points. Parker, a U.S. Olympian and the former world-record holder in this event swapped the lead with the veteran Hungarian shooter throughout the final, until Sidi’s seventh shot went well wide of the mark, scoring a weak 9.1 and opening wide the door to victory. Also well within striking distance for another U.S. medal was Emmons, beginning his final round only one point behind the two lead-

ers. Several of Emmon’s last 10 shots strayed into the nine-ring and thus gave the bronze medal to Malik Eckhardt of Germany. The only other American in the match was USAMU’s Trevor Gathman, 29, of Redmond, Oregon, finishing in a three-way tie for 21st place in the international field with a score of 589. The USA Shooting National Championships will begin June 12 and continue through June 23 at the Tom Lowe range facility in Atlanta. This competition is expected to attract many hundreds of shooters from nearly every state in the country to vie for the national title in nearly 20 different events in the pistol, rifle and running target disciplines. The International Shooting Sport Federation is designated by the International Olympic Committee as the international federation for the shooting sports worldwide. (Editor’s note: Information provided by USA Shooting and USAMU public affairs.)



# Pocket sandwich among future food to be fielded

by Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON - A sandwich that lasts up to three years without refrigeration is only one item that shows the Army's Combat Food Program is also on the move to Transformation.

After receiving more than 100 media inquiries on how they were able to develop such a sandwich, representatives from the Natick Soldier Center in Massachusetts gave the media a chance to taste for themselves the revolutionary item May 23 at the Pentagon.

"People seem to think that we're just about food, so we have to work a little harder to show how our research and development affects the soldier," said Janice Rosado, with the Office of the Joint Project Director.

The Combat Feeding Program's research led to a sandwich that can survive on a shelf for up to three years at 80 degrees Fahrenheit.

"There's nothing like it around the globe," said Gerald Darsch, joint project director for the Department of Defense Combat Feeding Program.

The sandwich is shaped and packaged similar to a honey bun, and comes in three flavors - barbecue chicken, pepperoni and Italian sausage. It was designed to provide eat-on-the-move capability at the request of soldiers.

"Like David Letterman, we have our own top 10 list, and a pocket sandwich kept landing on that list," Darsch said. "So we went to the drawing board."

The Combat Food Program already had a patent on its shelf-stable bread, which was the foundation for the pocket sandwich, Darsch said. Then through what is referred to as "water activity", the amount of water in the sandwich is controlled. This is done so that there isn't enough in the sandwich for mold or yeast to grow, he said.

The sandwiches are also slightly acidic, which is another way microorganisms are prevented from growing, Rosado added.

Soldiers from the 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y., were the first to give Natick



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**Janice Rosado, from the Department of Defense Combat Feeding Program, holds up a chicken pocket sandwich for media during a DoD press briefing at the Pentagon.**

their opinion of the sandwich.

"We've gotten a lot of positive feedback from the Fort Drum soldiers," Darsch said. "We can now use that information to help us refine the sandwich to make it even better. By the time the Objective Force warrior hits the field, our sandwiches will be there to provide him fuel."

MREs have changed drastically since Operation Desert Storm, Darsch said. To compare what rations were then, to what they are now, is like comparing a Hugo to a Lincoln, he said.

"I will admit that not too long ago we lost focus of the soldiers' needs, wants and desires, but I'm proud that we have regained that focus and our entire effort is directed toward providing the best rations we can."

Since the MRE was introduced, more than 120 items have gone into it and over 50 items have come out, Darsch said. Some of those items that have been taken out are chicken a la king, pork chow mien and smoky franks. Items to be introduced are pot roast, clam chowder and Cajun rice and sausage.

"What we have now is clearly a customer-focused MRE," Rosado said. "We don't try to decide what soldiers want. Food can be a big morale booster, and we're working hard to make life in the field better for our soldiers. What goes in and comes out will be dictated by the individual soldier."

Determining what soldiers want are done by survey teams that go to the field with prototype rations to have soldiers rate the meals on a scale from one to nine, Darsch said. Items that rate high are eligible for inclusion into the MRE, he added.

To meet the needs of the lighter, more mobile warfighter, a food pack the size of a regular MRE, but with enough food to replace three MREs has been designed, Darsch said.

The First Strike ration will contain two pocket sandwiches, peanut butter, crackers, a high energy drink, beef jerky, dried fruit and zapple — an apple sauce that will pro-

vide a source of energy to help the soldier maintain physical performance, Darsch said.

The First Strike is not meant to replace the MRE, Rosado said. The Army's chief said that the Objective Force will be able to deploy within 96 hours, and the First Strike is the meal that will hold the troops over until logistics can get more rations on the ground, she said.

The pocket sandwich and the First Strike ration is scheduled to be fielded in 2006, Rosado said, along with a kitchen that will require no open flame.

"The battlefield kitchen will basically be a mechanical room with commercial burners that will heat by using steam," Darsch said. "It will reduce logistics, fuel consumption and still provide 550 to 800 soldiers a quality meal."

What the food program tries to do is achieve a balance of taking care of today's soldiers with the product improvement program, while at the same time investing in science and technology for the Objective Force warfighter, Darsch said.

One innovative idea in the works, which will probably never be used by today's soldiers is the food patch, Darsch said. The food patch would deliver nutrients and minerals through the skin, as an energy supplement, but it's now a far-reaching concept.

"We're working with two universities to see if it is achievable or cost effective. But the research is necessary in case it's a chance that the nutrients in the patch could give a soldier the energy to duck a microsecond sooner, or digest the information he gets on the battlefield and understand it the first time," Darsch said.

Along with working with academia in the development of new combat rations, Darsch said, the combat feeding community consists of the Defense Supply Center in Philadelphia, and the commercial sector.

"We can't do this alone because of budget constraints," Darsch said. "If it isn't related to Army Transformation in any shape, then you won't find it being done in the combat feeding program."